

# Comparisons of Job Characteristics

**Focus Occupation:** Substance Abuse and Behavioral Disorder Counselors (21-1011)

**Associated Occupation:** Mental Health Counselors (21-1014)

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<<	Focus occupation element is much lower
<	Focus occupation element is lower
0	Focus occupation element is at a similar level
>	Focus occupation element is at a higher level
>>	Focus occupation element is at a much higher level

## Knowledge

Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 96

**Focus Occupation:** Substance Abuse and Behavioral Disorder Counselors (21-1011)

**Associated Occupation:** Mental Health Counselors (21-1014)

Associated Occupation's Key Knowledge Elements	Average Rating, All Occupations	Associated Occupation's Rating	Focus Occupation's Rating	Evaluation of Focus Occupation
Psychology	6.4	23.2	19.0	<< Extensive education and/or training may be required
Therapy and Counseling	3.8	23.2	21.2	0 Current knowledge level may be sufficient
Customer and Personal Service	11.3	17.1	12.8	<< Extensive education and/or training may be required
Sociology and Anthropology	4.1	14.1	10.7	<< Extensive education and/or training may be required
Philosophy and Theology	3.2	10.5	6.9	<< Extensive education and/or training may be required

The maximum possible rating is 25.

Source: Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Research and Analysis Section analysis of O\*NET (Occupation Information Network) data.

## Skills

Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 89

**Focus Occupation:** Substance Abuse and Behavioral Disorder Counselors (21-1011)

**Associated Occupation:** Mental Health Counselors (21-1014)

Associated Occupation's Key Skills Elements	Average Rating, All Occupations	Associated Occupation's Rating	Focus Occupation's Rating	Evaluation of Focus Occupation
Active Listening	11.0	20.1	15.1	<< Extensive development of skills in this area may be required
Social Perceptiveness	9.1	19.5	16.7	< A higher skill level may be required
Speaking	10.8	16.5	13.3	< A higher skill level may be required
Service Orientation	7.9	15.9	12.9	< A higher skill level may be required
Monitoring	9.9	14.2	13.2	0 Current skill level may be sufficient
Judgment and Decision Making	9.4	14.1	11.4	< A higher skill level may be required
Persuasion	7.4	13.8	11.4	< A higher skill level may be required

Learning Strategies	7.2	12.0	10.7	<	A higher skill level may be required
Science	4.5	11.9	2.1	<<	Extensive development of skills in this area may be required
Negotiation	6.8	11.4	9.6	<	A higher skill level may be required
Operations Analysis	5.0	11.4	1.5	<<	Extensive development of skills in this area may be required
Systems Analysis	6.5	11.2	8.3	<<	Extensive development of skills in this area may be required
Systems Evaluation	6.4	11.0	8.1	<<	Extensive development of skills in this area may be required

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## Abilities

Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 97

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**Associated Occupation: Mental Health Counselors (21-1014)**

Associated Occupation's Key Abilities Elements	Average Rating, All Occupations	Associated Occupation's Rating	Focus Occupation's Rating	Evaluation of Focus Occupation	
Oral Expression	12.4	17.8	15.1	<	Some improvement in abilities may be required
Oral Comprehension	12.5	17.7	15.1	<	Some improvement in abilities may be required
Problem Sensitivity	11.1	17.5	13.9	<<	Extensive improvement in abilities may be required
Inductive Reasoning	10.2	17.3	12.9	<<	Extensive improvement in abilities may be required
Speech Recognition	9.9	16.5	11.6	<<	Extensive improvement in abilities may be required
Speech Clarity	10.2	16.2	13.6	<	Some improvement in abilities may be required
Written Expression	9.8	15.0	12.8	<	Some improvement in abilities may be required
Fluency of Ideas	7.6	13.5	9.1	<<	Extensive improvement in abilities may be required
Category Flexibility	9.0	12.3	8.8	<<	Extensive improvement in abilities may be required
Selective Attention	8.7	12.2	9.1	<<	Extensive improvement in abilities may be required

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## Activities that Both Occupations Have in Common

Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 100

**Focus Occupation: Substance Abuse and Behavioral Disorder Counselors (21-1011)**

**Associated Occupation: Mental Health Counselors (21-1014)**

Work Activities	Exclusivity of Activity
Advise clients in emergency situations	89
Analyze psychological testing data	84
Assess therapy needs of patients	85
Assist clients in understanding personal or interactive problems	89
Coordinate social service activities with resource providers	77
Counsel individuals with personal problems	81
Develop treatment plans	92
Direct and coordinate activities of workers or staff	3
Empathize with others during counseling or related services	69
Evaluate client progress against measurable recorded goals	89
Evaluate patient response to therapy	78
Follow confidentiality procedures	58
Follow patient observation procedures	71
Manage detailed case records in a social work setting	82
Monitor client progress	84
Obtain information from individuals	24
Plan therapy treatment program	77
Recognize physical or emotional abuse	68
Record client's personal data	80
Refer clients to community services or resources	76
Relate to clients' socioeconomic conditions	82
Use agency mission as a guideline in social services delivery	84
Use behavior modification techniques	81
Use conflict resolution techniques	56
Use counseling techniques	60
Use grief counseling techniques	76
Use interpersonal communication techniques	10
Use intervention techniques	84
Use interviewing procedures	23

Not all positions in these occupations will necessarily perform all of the listed activities. The exclusivity rating is an indication of how unique the activity is amongst all occupations. The maximum rating is 100. High scores indicate that only a small number of occupations engage in that activity.

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## Tools and Technologies that Both Occupations Have in Common

Similarity of Focus  
Occupation to Associated  
Occupation: 87

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Tools and Technologies	Exclusivity
Computers	1
Content authoring and editing software	1
Data management and query software	1
Industry specific software	1
Information exchange software	1

Not all positions in these occupations will necessarily use all of the listed tools and technologies. The exclusivity rating is an indication of how unique the tool or technology is amongst all occupations. The maximum rating is 100. High scores indicate that only a small number of occupations use that tool or technology.

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